

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to James P. Free-land.

A TRIBUTE TO KIM WILLIAMS
CLARK

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Kim Williams Clark, an accomplished attorney, educator, and community leader.

Kim Williams Clark earned her B.S. in criminal justice from John Jay College, and earned her law degree from Rutgers University at Camden with the distinguished honor of receiving a Dean's list award. Daughter to community advocate Bessie L. Williams and former worker with Board of Education Jesse E. Williams, Kim currently serves as dean of the Office of Institutional Advancement at the Brooklyn campus of Long Island University. In this capacity, she builds corporate and foundation support, and creates new partnerships geared toward increasing funding for university projects, student centered initiatives, and external outreach.

Prior to her work with Long Island University, Kim Williams Clark served as associate dean of the Center for Continuing Education and Professional Development at Georgetown University. In addition, she also served as special advisor to the provost, director of institutional advancement and paralegal studies at the Brooklyn campus of Long Island University. During her career, she has organized resources and built alliances with government agencies and generated millions of dollars to support youth programming and urban community development. Coupled with this, she has maintained a law office in the New York City's financial district with a concentration in family and non-profit law, where she dedicates much of her time to representing indigent persons.

In addition to her professional endeavors, Kim is a member of numerous boards and councils including, the Carver Bank Scholarship Board, Greater New York and District of Columbia Chapters of the Links, Inc., and Coney Island and Crown Heights Neighborhood Advisory Board(s). Her many accomplishments have not gone unnoticed for Kim Williams Clark received the Trailblazer Award from New York State Senator Velmanette Montgomery of the 18th District. In December 2007, New Canaan Baptist Church and Congressman EDOLPHUS TOWNS will present her with the Community Service Award.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the impressive achievements of Kim Williams Clark for her commitment to the Brooklyn community.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to a great individual of high morals, ethics, and integrity.

TRIBUTE TO MR. WILLIAM
DONALD SCHAEFER

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize a true Maryland legend, Mr. William Donald Schaefer, on the occasion of his 86th birthday.

Mr. Schaefer was born in Baltimore, a city upon which he would come to have a lasting impact, on November 21, 1921. Following service in the U.S. Army during WWII, Mr. Schaefer returned to Maryland to work in law and eventually enter politics.

Over the course of 50 years, Mr. Schaefer would serve several years on the Baltimore City Council, four terms as Baltimore mayor, two terms as Maryland governor, and two terms as State Comptroller. He has left an indelible mark on Maryland and its people from his 50 years of public service.

He has become famous for his colorful personality, but his tireless efforts and dedication to public service have never wavered. He has acquired friends and admirers from both sides of the aisle because of this commitment.

His famous mantra as Baltimore mayor, "Do It Now," reflects his ability to get things done. The redeveloped and rejuvenated Baltimore, which so many of us today enjoy, is largely a result of his efforts during that time. Today, there are few Marylanders who can say that they haven't been positively affected by his leadership.

On a personal note, I had the great privilege of working for Governor Schaefer. His "do it now" philosophy provided a very valuable lesson for all of us in public office. He wanted to make sure that Maryland government addressed the needs of every Maryland resident regardless of their circumstances. He has always been one with little patience for pomp and circumstance.

On behalf of the residents of Maryland's Eighth Congressional District, I am proud to offer my best wishes to Mr. Schaefer.

HONORING LOIS CORBA

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lois Corba as she celebrates her birthday. A party will be held in her honor on December 29th in Frankenmuth, MI.

Lois was born in Tecumseh, MI, one of nine children. The family moved to Flint and after her father purchased a farm, the family moved to West Branch. She attended St. Joseph Catholic School in West Branch and graduated the salutatorian from the high school in 1951. After graduation she returned to Flint and worked for an insurance agency for 7 years. She married Paul Corba in 1957. The couple had 7 children, Michelle, Paul Michael, Jon, Marsha, Bernadette, Angela and David. Paul passed away in 1987.

Continuing to work, Lois spent 17 years working as a secretary with the AC Spark Plug Division of General Motors. She retired from

this position in 1992. After two years Lois decided to return to the workforce and became the assistant to the director of the Frankenmuth Historical Association. From there she took her current position as the receptionist with Independence Village in Frankenmuth. She is active with the Widow's Group in Frankenmuth and Blessed Trinity Catholic Church.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Lois Corba as she celebrates her birthday and I wish her many, many more.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, yesterday, I mistakenly voted against H. Res. 37, providing for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to H.R. 710, with amendments. In fact, I support this critical legislation, which would make paired kidney donation legal and allow organizations like the United Network for Organ Sharing to track eligibility for paired donation.

I voted for passage of the original bill, H.R. 710, The Charlie Norwood Living Organ Donation Act, on March 7, 2007.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION TO
COMMEMORATE THE 60TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE EVERGLADES
NATIONAL PARK

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to introduce significant bipartisan legislation with my colleague and fellow co-chair of the Everglades Caucus, Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Everglades National Park.

For years, Representative DIAZ-BALART and I have been working together to preserve and restore the Everglades, and I am pleased to be introducing this resolution with him.

Sixty years ago tomorrow, President Harry S. Truman dedicated Everglades National Park. Today, this vast subtropical wilderness in the United States is habitat to many endangered species as well as an international center for business, agriculture, and tourism.

Everglades National Park has been designated an International Biosphere Reserve, a World Heritage Site, and a Wetland of International Importance in recognition of its significance to all the people of the world.

Over time, however, management and development activities have destroyed our nations' majestic wetlands. Today the River of Grass is only half of its original size.

Sadly, the ecosystem's tree islands and mangroves have been largely destroyed and its estuaries have become barren.

In response to threats to this pristine ecosystem, in 2000, Congress passed an ambitious restoration plan called the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP). In